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Acting Chief, D/OL/ORR

Contribution IPC List, Albania, St/I Notice No. 194.

It is requested that the following be included in the IPC List for Albania as priority 1 (Reference: Director of Central Intelligence Directive No. 1/3 Priority National Intelligence Objectives, 21 April 1958, First Priority Objectives paragraph c. and Annex A to DCID 1/3, 21 April 1958, paragraph 5-I)

GEODESY AND MAPPING - BACKGROUND

1. In order to satisfy military planning and operational needs the acquisition of post-war topographic maps and geodetic data are of primary importance to the United States. This data will provide information which is necessary if U. S. missiles are to be delivered on target; will provide intelligence for developing targeting information and for planning and executing military ground and air operations; for developing estimates of Soviet-Bloc missile capabilities; and serve as an indicator of Soviet preparedness for initiating an attack.

2. No post World War II Albanian or Soviet topographic map sheets of Albania or geodetic data have been acquired by U. S. agencies. Present holdings only provide WWII or earlier information and do not satisfy current target information and positional accuracy requirements.

3. In 1952 at Sofia, Bulgaria, the Soviets convened a mapping conference of all European Satellites, excepting Albania. A plan was adopted for the integration of the geodetic network of each participating country into the Soviet system and publication of topographic maps at the scales of 1:25,000, 1:50,000, 1:100,000, 1:200,000 and 1:500,000 according to the Soviet topographic mapping standards and specifications. A target date of 1959 was set for completion of the necessary geodetic and topographic surveys and publication of the maps. In order to accomplish this program the Soviets released to each country specification manuals, and directed the conversion to new fundamental coordinates. Even though the Albanians did not attend the Sofia Conference, it is probable that a similar plan for the mapping of Albania is now underway.

4. Construction of missile bases in Albania would require accurate topographic maps and geodetic data connected to the Soviet and Satellite

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geodetic net. Also, any program of economic development or program designed for rational utilization of resources such as mineral exploitation, must be preceded by a systematic survey of resources which requires adequate large-scale topographic base maps.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Post World War II topographic maps at the scales of 1:25,000, 1:50,000 and 1:100,000, with primary emphasis on the 1:25,000, published by the Albanians - Soviets.
2. Post-war Albanian and Soviet catalogs of triangulation points (first through fourth order); leveling, astronomic, gravimetric and magnetic data; and adjustment and conversion data (may be in the form of charts or tables) for converting Albanian datums, spheroids, and grid to Soviet systems.
3. Operational support information on mapping, surveying and aerial surveying programs; table of organization of mapping agencies; biographic data on personnel.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Targets</u>	<u>Location</u>
1.	Topographic Branch, Ministry of Defence	Probably in Tirane
2.	Military Printing House	Probably in Tirane.

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